



## **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE**

**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Sharon Katt, Administrator, Adult Program Services

### **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:**

Approve the educator preparation programs in Nebraska colleges and universities for 2015-16.

### **RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Nebraska statute 79-318(5)(g) requires the State Board of Education to approve teacher education programs conducted in Nebraska postsecondary educational institutions designed for the purpose of certificating teachers and administrators.

Each Nebraska educator preparation institution is required to submit an annual request for approval of the programs which will be offered in the upcoming academic year. The annual request includes an assurance statement that the institution is in compliance with the requirements of 92 NAC 20, Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs. In addition, a current matrix which identifies the required courses which meet the requirements for each certificate endorsement offered by the institution is filed with the Adult Program Services office for review to determine compliance with 92 NAC 24, Regulations for Certificate Endorsements. The list of Nebraska institutions seeking program approval, along with the endorsements offered by each institution, is attached.

NDE staff, in conjunction with the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) and national accrediting bodies as applicable, conducts a comprehensive offsite (folio) and onsite review on a periodic basis for each educator preparation program. Attached support materials include a letter from Mark Adler, President of NCTE. This letter, in compliance with the NCTE Organizational Policies, forwards the NCTE recommendation for program approval to the Commissioner for State Board action.

All current information and data submitted for purposes of documenting compliance with Rule 20 and Rule 24 annual approval requirements, comprehensive state program review, national accreditation processes, and federal reporting requirements is reviewed by the Adult Program Services section staff and is maintained in the section files.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

n/a

### **Supporting Documentation Included:**

Letters from 2015-2016 NCTE President Mark Adler  
2015-2016 Educator Preparation Programs chart